

Vaults
Southwest corner of Front and Walnut Streets
Philadelphia
Philadelphia County
Pennsylvania

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE PENNSYLVANIA	COUNTY PHILADELPHIA	TOWN OR VICINITY PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) VAULTS		HABS NO. PA-1486
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Beneath sidewalks at southwest corner of Front and Walnut Streets		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) circa 1840	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) These vaults were an unusual surviving example of a common underground storage system of the nineteenth century.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Rubble walls and a brick-vaulted ceiling		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Approximately 12' x 40' along Front Street, approximately 12' x 80' along Walnut Street, approximately 8' height		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Demolished, 1959		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Webster, Richard J. Philadelphia Preserved, Catalog of the Historic American Buildings Survey. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1976.		
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